

New Mexico – Wednesday, Harry Teague hosted a border security conference call to discuss the Emergency Border Security Supplemental Appropriations Act and how it will address border security concerns in southern New Mexico. Representatives from New Mexico border law enforcement agencies state and local government, and New Mexico's ranching community joined Teague for the briefing.

"Now that this critical funding has been signed into law, it is important that we reach out to local border officials and law enforcement agencies to determine how these resources can be utilized in the most efficient and effective way. No one knows better than the officers protecting our border communities what is needed to effectively curb border violence and illegal drug trafficking," said Harry Teague. "It's critical to ensure that all questions are answered and concerns are addressed. I greatly appreciate the feedback I received today and I pledge to continue this type of outreach as we move forward on this issue."

The funding surge will boost border security efforts along the US-Mexico border by providing additional support to current border patrol activities, including additional Border Patrol agents and other border enforcement officials, new forward operating bases for the Border Patrol, and more law enforcement resources to fight drug smuggling and the spillover of drug violence into the U.S., without adding to the deficit. To pay for these enhancements to border security, the bill raises fees on H-1B visas that companies use to hire foreign skilled workers. The higher fees will be imposed on companies that have more than 50 percent of their employees on H-1B visas.

This is the second emergency funding for border security briefing that Harry Teague has hosted. He was previously joined by representatives from the New Mexico Border Authority and National Guard to discuss the deployment of the National Guard to the border. He has

consistently called for a robust, comprehensive strategy to address the violence along the border. In addition to co-sponsoring several border security funding bills in an effort to expedite these critical resources to the border, Teague called on the President to [send the National Guard to the border](#) to address the growing national security threat there and led 50 of his colleagues in [requesting supplemental funding](#) to step up border security, including funding for National Guard on the border. Congressman Teague has also called on President Barack Obama to [convene a White House Summit](#) with the aim of building a policy to address the border violence crisis, ensure that the violence does not spill over into the United States, and help America get back to work building our border economies.

The surge provides:

- \$176 million for 1,000 new Border Patrol agents to form a “strike force” to be deployed at most-needed areas
- \$50 million for 250 new ICE personnel, including special agents, intelligence analysts and support personnel
- \$39 million for Customs and Border Protection to keep the current levels of officers

- \$37 million for Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents along the border
- \$34 million for Drug Enforcement Administration agents along the border
- \$32 million to deploy unmanned aerial vehicle surveillance drones
- \$30 million for border interdiction by Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- \$29 million for 250 new Customs and Border Protection officers at ports of entry

- \$24 million for FBI agents along the border
- \$21 million Interagency Crime and Drug Law enforcement along the border
- \$20 million for the federal prison system to detain immigrant criminals
- \$14 million for communication equipment for new officers
- \$13 million for U.S. attorneys and other legal expenses
- \$10 million for federal judiciary resources for an anticipated higher caseload

- \$10 million for investigators to stop corruption in the Border Patrol and Customs and Border Protection
- \$8 million for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
- \$8 million for U.S marshals along the border
- \$7 million for border processing of apprehended drug dealers and human traffickers
- \$6 million to deploy forward operating bases along the border (as opposed to using current bases that are 100 miles away)
- \$2.1 million for expediting administrative review and appeals along the border

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